

THIS IS THE 2nd TRAFFIC SURVEY (July 2015) OF 400 OF THE FAMILIES IN THE ADJACENT COMMUNITIES AROUND BRIDGEVILLE, INDICATING THAT 50% OF THEM HAVE BEEN DETOURING AROUND THE SOUTH FAYETTE/ BRIDGEVILLE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON WASHINGTON PIKE, FOR 2 AND 3 DECADES, THEREBY SUGGESTING THAT ANY PRESENT TRAFFIC COUNT FIGURES WOULD ALSO BE 50% LESS THAN THE ACTUAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES, AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ROADWAY LANES TO BE BUILT.

200 of the 400 families took the time to acquire stamps and return mail their survey forms.

COMMENTS made by Bridgeville, South Fayette & Collier residents taken from **traffic congestion survey forms** that were recently given to 400 families, that 200 completed and paid to return by mail. (July 22, 2015 from Bob Fryer, 412-221-2000). All the respondents confirmed their detour driving pattern.

The survey results suggest that 10's of thousands of area residents and transient commuters a day, have been consistently detouring around the South Fayette/ Bridgeville central business district on Washington Pike for decades, because of the congestion !

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY :

To collect data, that may convince the traffic engineers who are designing and recommending the roadway lane widths, lane lengths and the number of lanes for the present proposed Washington Pike road improvement Project in South Fayette, by the South Fayette, Bridgeville, Collier, Upper St. Clair Traffic Task Force, that....

additional, and longer lanes must be built, especially, through the Washington Pike South Fayette central business district, in contrast to the Task Force's June 2015 design.

THE SURVEY RESULTS SUGGEST THAT :

ANY CURRENT TRAFFIC SURVEY COUNTS DONE AT THE EXTENSIVELY TRAFFIC CONGESTED WASHINGTON PIKE/NEW ROUTE #50 INTERSECTION IN SOUTH FAYETTE,

THAT MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE THE "WIDTH AND LENGTH" OF THE PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ARE MEANINGLESS,

BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF BOTH AREA RESIDENTS AND TRANSIENT COMMUTER MOTORISTS WHO HAVE BEEN "DRIVING AROUND" THE SITE FOR DECADES, AND THEREFORE WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ANY TRAFFIC COUNT !

ALSO, a phone survey of 200 families conducted by the Bridgeville Planning Commission in 1990, indicated the same approximate percentage of the area motorists that were detouring around the Washington Pike/new Route #50 intersection back then, was 50 % !

In 1988, a Classic Development Co. traffic survey (engineer Jack Trant) showed 26,000 vehicles a day passing through the Washington Pike/new Route #50 intersection next to the Bridgeville Exit of Interstate Highway #79. (At the time, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Planning Commission predicted **that** number of motorists would not be reached there, until 2012 !)

An analysis of traffic counts that have been done, show that each year since 1988, the vehicle count has **not** increased to correspond with the substantial yearly population increases that have occurred in the immediate area, which further proves **the detour driving pattern** of regional motorists is in the 50% range. **South Fayette has had one of the greatest population increases per year, of any Allegheny municipality.**

These following recent COMMENTS from 45% of the 400 area residents that were mailed back, (2% is the average return expected) proves that...

10's of thousands of motorists have been driving AROUND the this traffic congestion site every day for years, and also that...

ANY ROADWAY WIDENING PLAN BEING PRESENTLY PROPOSED TO PENN DOT, MUST BE DESIGNED AND **BUILT NOW** TO MOVE "THE MAXIMUM NUMBER" OF MOTORISTS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE SITE,

AND NOT JUST THOSE MOTORISTS DRIVING EAST AND WEST **ACROSS** WASHINGTON PIKE BETWEEN CHARTIERS STREET IN BRIDGEVILLE AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY #79, *as the present June 2015 version of the Traffic Task Force Plan shows !*

WASHINGTON PIKE THROUGH THE SOUTH FAYETTE BUSINESS DISTRICT MUST HAVE 4 "THROUGH" LANES, 2 FOR NORTHBOUND AND 2 FOR SOUTH BOUND CONSUMER-MOTORISTS BETWEEN THE BRIDGEVILLE AND THE SOUTH FAYETTE BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

Alpine Road Respondant :

"I recently moved on to Alpine Road (in South Fayette) from Baldwin/Whitehall. My travels take me directly through this congested area because of the stores and the bank that I use.

I truly have NEVER seen a more disgusting, aggravating traffic mess as what this questionnaire is trying to address.

When you find an area that is worse by far, than the Route #51/Route #88 (intersection) congestion, the issue is screaming for a solution.

To add insult to injury, we are now adding Aldi's, a bank, Starbuck's and Chipolte. How do the morons who are responsible for this area come to the conclusion that this is going to work.

It's like the old saying (excuse my language)...It's like trying to cram 10 lb.s of s - - t into a 5 lb. bag.

On one occassion, it took me 1 hour and 10 mnutes to get from Alpine Road to

Chartiers Street (in Bridgeville). This community, considering its taxes, deserves much better than this mess.

It also makes me wonder why I chose to move to this location. Thank-you for your effort and concern. GOOD LUCK ! "

Cannon Gate Drive resident :

" My son was killed at Kentucky Fried Chicken having to go through the traffic (on Washington Pike). It was an accident that wasn't his fault. The driver did not see him.

(The traffic congestion is) BAD, BAD.

All routes are impossible and dangerous ! "

Bank St. Bridgeville

" I laugh when they talk about adding 140+ new stores, hotels and offices, etc. You can't get around now ! Do they really think people are going to sit in lines of traffic ?

I live in Bridgeville now, but I don't shop anywhere off Route #50 (Washington Pike) from...the South Fayette Giant Eagle Kirwan Heights ! I pretty much use Bower Hill Road to Heidelberg (the Shop & Save store there) and Wal-Mart or elsewhere.

Occasionally I might visit Get'Go (in South Fayette) but that's usually after 9 PM. Normally, I use the Get'Go on Cochran Road **(in Mt. Lebanon.)"**

Calvert St. Bridgeville

"I'm not at that intersection often, but even before all the new construction it was congested. Now it's worse and getting harder to get through."

Boyce Road resident :

" We avoid this area when ever we can. It is always congested."

Meadowvue Court resident :

" Although I live in Peters I work in Collier. **I try to avoid going North bound on Washington Pike.** I use the Boyce road, Mayview Road to by pass Washington Pike.

A different Bank Street resident :

In addition to this person describing his usual detour routes around South Fayette and Bridgeville, he provided a sketch showing his solution to the traffic congestion at the Washington

Pike/new Route #50 interstction in South Fayette.

Interestingly, his drawing shows 4 **"through" lanes** on Washington Pike through South Fayette and an additional motorist access road **parallel to Washington Pike behind Midas Muffler, Starbuck's and McDonald's**. (This specific, rear lot additional feature has been recommended and illustrated to local officials several times.)

Old Meadow Road :

"Please get with South Fayette town officials to co-ordinate a traffic light change when coming down Chartiers Street (in Bridgeville) to make a left turn over the bridge to continue to Washigton Pike South. Appreciate anything you could do to correct this."

Bridgeville resident :

"I detour anytime to avoid Route #50+Great Southern (shopping center) during rush hours."

Empire Drive

"Absolutely, I avoid it (the Bridgeville/South Fayette business district) like the plague ! I only drive North on Washington Pike to the Bridgeville I-79 Entrance when it is unavoidable."

"Chartiers Street is also HORRIBLE & backed up, so I avoid it by going on McMurray, to Morrow, over to Mayview Road, then to Boyce Road. WE DO ANYTHING TO AVOID THE Interstate #79 area near BRIDGEVILLE."

Mowhawk Road

"We detour around the Bridgeville/South Fayette business district all the time. LET'S GET IT DONE".

USC resident :

"I'm not at that intersection often, but even before all the new construction, it was congested. Now it's worse and gettng harder to get through."

Oyster Bay Ct. Bridgeville

" During the 2 rush hours, I never consider using Washington Pike ot Millers Run Road.
Immediate needs : Better co-ordination of traffic lights (Chartiers St. & Millers Run Road (new Route #50). No left turns (should be allowed) on to Chartiers St. from Washington Pike."